**RIDGE Spring 2016 Releases**

**Winemaker Tasting Notes**

**Ridge 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate**

Ruby-tinged opaque purple. Ripe blackberry, cassis. Violets, espresso, dark chocolate, caramelized sugar. Concentrated briar fruit, full body, chalky tannins. Layers of licorice, cola, sweet oak. Complex limestone/mineral elements in a long, intense finish. –Eric Baugher (1/16)

**Ridge 2013 Merlot Estate**

Saturated ruby color. Seductive, rich bramble fruit; juniper, roasted coffee, clove. Lively mountain bramble fruit entry, chalky tannins, firm acid. Complex forest-floor, attractive oak spice in a lengthy finish. –EB (1/16)

**Ridge 2014 Chardonnay Estate**

Translucent gold. Green apple, pear, pineapple, honeysuckle, wet stone. Citrus fruit on Sun-bleached straw color. Ripe pineapple, green apple, pear, melon, biscotti, flint, toasted oak. Elegant fresh citrus entry, ginger root, limestone earth, lemon zest finish. –EB (1/16)

**Ridge 2014 Geyserville**

Dark purple/ruby color. Blackberry jam, candied plums, gravel, spearmint, sweet oak, tropical floral notes. Fresh, intense bramble fruit entry; lively acidity, elegant tannins, mint, gravelly earth. Multi-dimensional: layered, deep, seductive flavors; lingering finish. –EB (1/16)

**Ridge 2014 East Bench Zinfandel**

Nose of raspberry jam, pepper, violets. Full bodied and rich on the palate with red berry fruit and supple tannins. Firm acidity and mineral notes add to the long, elegant finish. –John Olney (1/16)

**Ridge 2014 Paso Robles Zinfandel**

Deep ruby. Black cherry, stewed plum, exotic barrel spice. Ripe bramble on entry, firm acid, gravelly mineral, medium-full body, round tannins, integrated oak finish. –EB (1/16)